

Faculty Senate Library Committee (FSLC) Meeting Minutes | February 10, 2021

Via Zoom | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Meiqin Wang (Chair), Chris Bullock, Vanessa Goodwin, Elizabeth Leister, Sean Rogers, Nyssa Silbiger, Mark Stover, Chin-hsin Liu, Sanjay Jain, David Medeiros, Adriana Coronado (AS), Kiana Requena (AS)

Not present: Roxanne Moschetti, Ruting Jia

Recording Secretary: Gina Flores

Call to Order: The committee chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

The minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

Announcements

- None

Dean's Update

- The Library [Black History Month event lineup](#) includes a documentary screening and panel discussion of "Afro-Tradition, Environmental Racism, and Black Place-Making in Mexico," a virtual book display, and co-sponsorship of the USU's Essential Talks, featuring Dr. Cornel West on February 26.
- During the month February, CSUN students are invited to watch the latest featured film, [Boys N the Hood](#), as part of the Library's virtual exhibit "[Los Angeles: On Film and On Record](#)." Students may enter for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card by answering a prompt about the film.
- CSUN Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), in collaboration with the Library, is hosting a virtual [Pi Day Celebration](#) on March 11 with hands-on pi themed activities, and the opportunity to connect with CSUN STEM Clubs, and network with students, staff, faculty, local educators, and STEM professionals.
- The Library building remains closed due to the virus progression. It is anticipated to remain closed through the entire spring semester. Should herd immunity come into play, we may open by the fall semester.
- The new outdoor lockers for automated book pickup should be fully operating by March 2021.
- The Library's Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS) is undergoing a hardware upgrade, which should be completed by March 1st.

Legacy of Delmar T. Oviatt and the Naming of the Library – Mark Stover

- A presentation was shared on the history of Delmar T. Oviatt, including his background and time serving as interim President of CSUN during the takeover of the Administration building. His role in student arrests and prosecution during the protests in the demand for the creation of ethnic studies programs was examined, as part of the Oviatt Library Naming Working Group's research.
- This advisory group was appointed by President Harrison to bring forth all facts, history, and data to determine whether Oviatt's actions were racist, in order to support the renaming of the Library.
- In the fall of 2020, the final report was presented with a recommendation to remove Oviatt's name from the Library with the conclusion that his actions did not fit the values and mission of the University. On December 18, with the Chancellor's approval, the Oviatt Library was renamed CSUN University Library.

Questions raised by Adriana Coronado, on behalf of Associated Students:

- Q. What is the process to rename the Library, as well as add a mural inside the Library to honor SFV history, specifically the Tataviam tribe and their land we are situated on.
 - A. The University has a process for the naming of campus buildings, which needs to be formally outlined. There is a current agenda with the University Art Collection Commission (UACC) to add a mural to the Library, which is very likely to happen.
 - Q. The Tataviam tribe holds archives from their history and heritage. Could the Library consider adding these to their collections?
 - A. Yes, this may be possible to fund the digitization of these archives through the CSUN diversity grant. Mark will consult with the Digital Services Librarian on the logistics.
 - Q. Associated Students voted on potential new names for the Library. One idea is to name it after a native plant to the San Fernando Valley.

New Business

- A vote was taken to determine the course of action for FSLC member Ruting Jia's meeting absence during the spring semester, due to a class schedule conflict. A motion was passed to allow Sanjay a semester absence from the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.